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EVALUATION            PLACE OBTAINED Germany/MunichDATE OF CONTENT June 1950DATE OBTAINED            25X1 DATE PREPARED 11 August 1950REFERENCES            25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - sketch on dittoREMARKS           

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1. Repair work was being done on the first quarter of the LW runway of the Schoenefeld (N 53/Z 93) airfield on 15 June 1950. The planes took off and landed beside the runway. Fourteen concrete masts, with fluorescent tubes on top were set up at the eastern extension of the runway. (1) Two boundary lights were on each side of the runway. An antenna, which was not far from the ground, possibly a radio beacon, was on the edge of the field parallel to the end of the runway. (2) AA guns or radar sets were not seen.
2. Three planes, which were similar to DC-3s but which could not be definitely identified, one U-2 biplane and three twin-engine monoplanes were parked at the field. The three twin-engine planes were observed from a distance of 30 meters. They had : two radial engines; nine square windows on the left side of a C-54 type fuselage; single nose wheel; double-tired main landing gear; a flap which opened to the rear and closed almost simultaneously with the retracting landing gear on their engines; and an antenna rod with an antenna leading to the rudder assembly; the rudders were painted yellow with black horizontal stripes. (3)
3. The biplane which came from the west landed at the field at 3:45 p.m. One of the twin-engine planes took off at 3:50 p.m. and headed east. No other flights were made up to 5 p.m. A German civilian was on guard at the field entrance and two VP men and Soviet soldiers wearing red epaulets were standing at two road blocks.
4. Ten Soviet fighters and 30 soldiers arrived at the field

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on 10 June 1950. The planes were parked on the southern edge of the field. Workers at the field said that the planes were of a type familiar during World War II. None of the soldiers wore rank insignia. (4)

5. In June 1950 each German employee and worker at the field was thoroughly questioned about his relatives. The Soviets were particularly interested in those relatives residing in Western Germany.
6. Colonel Rebrov, (fnu), CO of the field, was relieved on 29 May and flew to the Soviet Union on 30 May 1950. He was replaced by another colonel. (5)
7. [REDACTED] 25X1
8. In mid-June 1950 a second political officer was assigned to the field to aid political officer Kraglov, (fnu).
9. The Polish air mission previously stationed at the field was dissolved. (7).
10. A press report stating that Schoenefeld airfield was to serve as an air base for volunteer units in support of North Korea was published in Berlin papers. (3)

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- [REDACTED] Comments.
- (1) For lighting installation, see Annex. The lights in the approach lane were previously reported. [REDACTED] Such an installation has not been observed at military airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
  - (2) The antenna, probably a beacon antenna, landing signal, was previously reported. [REDACTED] 25X1
  - (3) The twin-engine aircraft described are IL-12S.
  - (4) This is the first report on the occupation of the field by a fighter unit. The planes are possibly being used as escorts for planes carrying high ranking personalities. The report does not indicate to which unit these planes are assigned. There are no other air units at the field.
  - (5) Colonel Rebrov was previously reported as the CO of the field. [REDACTED]
  - (6) [REDACTED]
  - (7) This is the first information that the Polish air mission was dissolved.
  - (8) The press report has not been confirmed.

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1 Annex : Lighting facilities at Schoenefeld airfield.

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